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# H. R. 1955

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 1997

Mr. KNOLLENBERG (for himself, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HAYWORTH, and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FORFEITURE OF GRATUITOUS BENEFITS FOR**  
4 **VETERANS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 6105 of  
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out  
7 “and” at the end of paragraph (3), by striking out the  
8 period at the end of paragraph (4) and inserting in lieu

1 thereof “; and”, and by inserting after paragraph (4) the  
2 following:

3 “(5) life in prison or death pursuant to Federal  
4 law (other than an offense described in paragraphs  
5 (1) through (4) of this subsection).”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (b) of  
7 section 6105 of such title is amended—

8 (1) by striking out “prescribed in” in the mat-  
9 ter preceding paragraph (1);

10 (2) by inserting “prescribed in” before “sec-  
11 tions” in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3); and

12 (3) by inserting “prescribed in” before “sec-  
13 tion” in paragraph (4).

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15 this section shall apply to persons sentenced to life in pris-  
16 on or executed after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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